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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
 A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e)
 of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application with filing date granted, enclosed please find the following documents:

Declaration Not Accompanying Application, signed and dated by the inventors: **(1)**

Zoran Ristic, dated October 17, 2001

Shailendra K. Bhadula, dated October 18, 2001

Genping Yang (unsigned -- see #2 below)

Thomas E. Elthon, dated October 17, 2001

Jeffrey E. Habben, dated October 19, 2001

Declaration for Signature by Joint Inventors on Behalf of Nonsigning (2) Inventor Who Cannot Be Reached (37 CFR 1.47(a)), signed and dated by the

joint inventors:

Zoran Ristic, dated October 17, 2001

Shailendra K. Bhadula, dated October 18, 2001

Thomas E. Elthon, dated October 17, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, BOX MISSING PARTS, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 22nd day of October, 2001.

- (3) \$130 surcharge for late filing of oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.16(e);
- (4) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- (5) Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) To Accept Filing On Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor, with the following attachments:
 - (a) Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor (37 CFR § 1.47), with Exhibits 1-5
 - (b) \$130 petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

If any additional fees are needed, please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAIZE CHLOROPLAST PROTEIN SYNTHESIS ELONGATION

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Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed please find a copy of the above-identified patent application incorporating all changes and data received to date. Please review and if all is in order, please sign the attached declaration where indicated and fax a copy to my attention and mail the original. Dr. Ristic, could you please forward the application to Shailendra and Genping for their signatures.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this matter. Our deadline for filing the application is March 16, 2001. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,

Heidi S. Nebel

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cc: Debra L. Blair via facsimile